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Amendments

Please amend the claims as follows

1. (amended) A method for time-shifted viewing of broadcast audio/video programs comprising:

the step of simultaneously receiving [one or] more <u>than one</u> broadcast video/audio [programs] <u>program from one or more sources</u>; and

the step of storing said programs as data in a cyclic buffer wherein upon being filled said cyclic buffer begins replacing the oldest of said data with the newest of said data; and

the step of simultaneously providing playback control of said data independently from said step of storing said programs wherein said playback control comprises random access play, stop, pause, rewind and fast-forward functions;

whereby said time-shifted viewing is selectively delayed relative to initiation of said broadcast audio/video programs and which may be initiated and controlled simultaneously with said storing of said programs.